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Yoshihisa KATO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2818  
Serial No. 09/886,972 ) Examiner: Ly D. PHAM  
Filed: June 25, 2001 )  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY AND ) Date: May 5, 2003  
METHOD FOR DRIVING THE SAME )

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Date: 5-5-03 *Deborah J. Novak*

Sir:

In response to numerous telephonic conferences held with Examiner Pham since about March 24, 2003, to the Advisory Action mailed April 22, 2003, and to Supervisory Examiner David Nelms on about April 30, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the Advisory Action be withdrawn and prosecution of the application be re-opened for the reasons provided below.

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REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given to the above-identified application. Particularly, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for contacting Applicants' representative on March 24 via telephone and facsimile to provide five (5) new references in response to Applicants' Request for Reconsideration dated March 14, 2003, and for providing an English translation of Japanese Patent Document No. 61061297A via e-mail on April 21, 2003.

Although Applicants can appreciate the Examiner's desire to be helpful and to expedite the prosecution of this Application, Applicants respectfully submit that the Advisory Action is improper at least for the reasons that no formal written rejections have been provided for the record, and that a new rejection based on newly applied reference in response to Applicants' Request for Reconsideration necessitates the withdrawal of the

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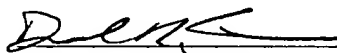
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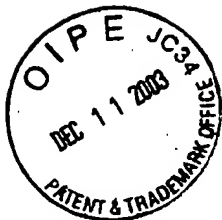
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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